



Senate Bill No. 861

Public Act No. 09-4

AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT FROM MILITARY SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 27-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

When [an officer or warrant officer] a member of the armed forces of the state or the Governor's military staff, whose service has been honorable, has served ten years, [as officer or enlisted person, active or inactive or reserve, in any or all of which he or she has served not less than three years as a commissioned officer or warrant officer,] he or she may, if he or she makes a timely application [therefor] to the Adjutant General through [proper officers if he or she still is in service] the chain of command prior to such member's retirement date, be retired from active service and placed upon the retired list. Such retirement shall be in the highest grade in which he or she has served. When such service equals or exceeds twenty years, he or she may, upon his or her application to the Adjutant General, through [proper officers if he or she still is in service] the chain of command prior to such member's retirement date, be commissioned at or promoted to the next higher grade than the highest grade at which he or she may have [been commissioned] held at any time, either in the armed forces of the state or the Governor's military staff or the military or naval

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forces of the United States, which higher grade shall not be above the grade of a brigadier general or sergeant major, and shall thereafter be placed upon the retired list with such grade. Members may only receive the retirement promotion provided under this section one time. In determining such term of service of twenty years, there may be added to any term of not less than ten years' service in the armed forces of the state or the Governor's military staff the term of service with the military or naval forces of the United States, either active, inactive or reserve. Retirement shall be obligatory for all [officers and warrant officers] members reaching the age of sixty-four years or as required for [officers and warrant officers] members of the National Guard and naval militia by laws and regulations pertaining thereto.

Sec. 2. Section 27-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[Officers] Members on the retired list shall serve thereon without pay; shall be withdrawn from unit rosters, command and from line of promotion and shall continue to be borne on the register of the armed forces of the state, and shall be entitled to wear, within the limitations prescribed by the laws and regulations of the United States, the uniform of the rank on which they have been retired. They shall, at all times, be subject to the rules and regulations governing the armed forces of the state. They may, with their consent, be detailed from the retired list and placed upon active duty at any time when ordered by the Governor and, when on such duty, shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of officers of a similar grade on the active list.

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